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Summary

In these remarks on nitrogen fertilisers an account is given first of the beginning of this industry in Spain with the establishment of two companies in 1918 and 1923 and the situation at that time of the international market upon which Spanish consumption, for all practical purposes, depended.

The official provisions are then given which have been prescribed since 1940 for the purpose of stimulating private initiative with a view to the efficient development of this industry. This has been done mainly through lowering tariffs on imported machinery and reducing taxes during the initial period of operation of the various installations.

An account is given of the surveys carried out by the Ministries most affected and the plans drawn up for the development of the industry which were naturally based on the initially available materials, main consumer areas, means of transport, etc. The result of this was that from 1940 on a number of companies were set up with industrial plans of considerable scope, although they met with all kinds of difficulties as a consequence of the Second World War.

Next the various factories - their main characteristics, locations, raw materials, manufacturing processes, etc. - are

described. This is accompanied by a chart summing up fertiliser production, importation and consumption figures for the various years.

Lastly, future prospects, in view of progressive consumer growth owing both to technically normal employment and to new and important irrigated lands, are sketched. From an overall survey of the new installations in this branch of industry the conclusion is reached that within from three to five years production will be able to supply future requirements.